

Outbound Exchange: Mexico Teacher and Student Exchange

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<p>Mexico is a multicultural country with a wide variety of languages, ethnic groups, traditions and customs.</p> <p>AFS Mexico began participating in the Community Services Program due to the great need of helping others.</p> <p>There exist many places in which a volunteer can offer his/her services helping hundreds of people who are grateful for the volunteer's dedication and time for the rest of their lives.</p> <p>AFS Mexico wants the participant to not only be a member of society but also a citizen of the world.</p> <p>Internship Program</p> <p>For whom? Unemployed or under-employed university graduates under 30 years of age.</p> <p>Requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be a university graduate in one of the target fields of expertise. 2. Be a professional willing to live in Mexico with different culture, customs and friends; 	<p>The unforgettable experience in Mexico – AFS offers you an opportunity to live deep in the culture, with a Mexican family and attending high-school courses with people of your same age.</p> <p>AFS volunteers network within Mexico are always there to give support and friendship.</p> <p>Semester Program</p> <p>Just like the Year Program, AFS also offers a semester program, starting in August and ending in January.</p> <p>Many students go to Mexico for a semester, gaining a wonderful education experience.</p>	<p>All the students going to Mexico in a Semester, Year or Intensive program are hosted in Mexican families.</p> <p>The host families are recruited and selected by the volunteers in each AFS chapter.</p> <p>Families are aware of the responsibility of hosting an AFS student and also have expectations regarding the hosted student.</p> <p>Consider that your Mexican family expects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. You'll attend school courses everyday. 2. You'll be participating in family activities. 3. You'll be treated as another family member – same rules, same freedoms. 4. You'll respect the family and its members. <p>Remember that families are willing to open their home to you.</p> <p>The families are composed by both parents and children (any age); single parents; or couples without children. Most important, though, is that whatever the age or family situation, they are willing to</p>

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<p>3. Be willing to work professionally and responsibly in your enterprise or field;</p> <p>4. Good health conditions; Having demonstrated personal qualities such as flexibility, self reliance, emotional stability as well as a high sense of responsibility and initiative; Be able to get along with others.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To create conscience by working responsibly in Mexican enterprises in order to get professional experience. • Share your culture and knowledge with people no matter what religion, ethnic group or social status they belong to. • To create closer ties between different countries and cultures in order to achieve world harmony, something that AFS has always been seeking. <p>Field of work Marketing, International Relations, Mechanical or Civil Engineering, International Trade, Environmental Science</p>		<p>host an AFS student. All families are also volunteers, and AFS doesn't pay them to host you. That's why this is an experience about care, love and friendship.</p> <p>AFS volunteers and staff members will be behind you in order to give you support and help.</p> <p><u>SUPPORT AND SERVICES.</u> AFS has established criteria for placing you in a family. This process is part of a hard evaluation about the hosting family background and exchange student as well.</p> <p><u>TRAVEL AND ORIENTATIONS.</u> All AFS programs include with a round international trip, from your country to Mexico. AFS Mexico sends you to a Spanish language course before you arrive to Mexico. Also, you receive an Arrival Orientation Camp, and an End of Stay Camp. You'll find that throughout your experience, volunteers will prepare and organize meetings and other activities that will help you get the most of this experience.</p>